

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Gonzalo GASTON et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A PRINTER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: